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ANNUAL GROUP CAMPING CLUB LOTTERY PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

Group Camping Club Lottery Applications can be submitted starting January 3rd via the Suffolk County Parks online system. The Group Camping Season will open on a first-come-first-serve application basis starting March 1st.

1. **GROUP CAMPING QUALIFICATIONS** – Group Camping is offered to Organized Adult Group Camping Clubs that contain a total of 7 or more family units looking to camp close together, in one large area. Multiple sites are available within designated group areas; see site capacity before applying to ensure your group will fit in the requested areas.
2. **GROUP CAMPING CAMPGROUNDS** – Blydenburgh County Park, Cathedral Pines County Park, Cedar Point County Park, Indian Island County Park, Sears Bellows County Park, and Southaven County Park. The Camping In-Season is from April 1st – November 11th.
3. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS** – Organized Suffolk County based Adult Group Camping Clubs are able to submit Group Camping Lottery Applications after January 3rd of the calendar year. Non-Resident based Camping Clubs must wait to submit applications until after March 1st.
4. **LOTTERY RULES** – Only one Lottery Application is allowed to be submitted per group; each with a first and second choice option. If more than one application is submitted, your group application will be disqualified from the lottery system. Applications must have a 3-night minimum camping trip, with a minimum of 7 families attending, in order to be accepted. Holiday weekends must have a 4-night minimum camping trip, with a minimum of 10 families attending, in order to be accepted. Applications must be paid within five (5) business days of receiving confirmation of Lottery Win in order to avoid reservation termination.
5. **GROUP CAMPING ROSTER** – The Roster is to be submitted by the Group Club Leader/Wagon Master, and should list all of the families that are expected to arrive during the camping trip. This is in order to properly track payment and ensure that all campers are being addressed according to their Green Key Card status, or therefore lack of. Necessary roster adjustments can be made directly at the park during your camping trip.
6. **PAYMENT AND REFUNDS** – Payment can be submitted via mail by Certified or Organization Check; in person by Certified or Organization Check, Cash, or Credit; or via the Online Reservation System by Credit. To pay online, payment instructions will be provided via email once your reservation is confirmed. Personal Checks will not be accepted.

All refund requests must be submitted in writing and sent to scparks@suffolkcountyny.gov at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled arrival date. All refund requests must state the respective Group Camping Club Name, the expected reservation dates and site(s), along with an explanation for cancellation. Events will not be refunded due to inclement weather, unless closures were made from the Parks Department directly.

7. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** – Organized Adult Group Camping Club Leaders / Wagon Masters must be the only person filing for and/or inquiring about their requested event/application. Other Club Members participating in

Group Camping events must contact the Group Club Leader / Wagon Master for more information, not Suffolk County Parks. The Group Camping Club Roster must be submitted alongside your application to be accepted.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Multiple submissions will result in Group Lottery disqualification. Groups under different names with coinciding Group Camping Rosters will be subject to review.

BASE FEES FOR GROUP CAMPING

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Non-Refundable Group Camping Club Reservation Fee	\$70.00
Group Camping Club Deposit (only refundable if 7 Family minimum requirement is met for the first night stay)	\$80.00

PARK REGULATIONS PER LOCATION – Read, Understand, and Follow the Rules/Policies regarding Group Camping trips. Note: these are not inclusive of all Suffolk County Rules and Regulations. Visit our website for further information on all Rules and Regulations expected of Park Patrons. Units shall refer to the number of individual campsites within the designated Group Area.

1. Blydenburgh County Park

- Maximum one (1) vehicle permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Blydenburgh County Park.
- Group Area 1 is located within the General Family Camping Sites. Designated Group Area 1 Sites: 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, and 35.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	15 Units	Yes	No

2. Cathedral Pines County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Group Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 are located within the General Family Camping Sites on the B Field. Group Area 1 is on the opposite side of the field, with Areas 2, 3, and 4 all near each other. Designated Group Area 1 Sites: 18 – 22 & 23 – 27. Designated Group Area 2 Sites: 38 – 42 & 65 – 70. Designated Group Area 3 Sites: 43 – 47 & 60 – 64. Designated Group Area 4 Sites: 48 – 53 & 54 – 59.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	10 Units	Yes	No
2	11 Units	Yes	No

3	10 Units	Yes	No
4	12 Units	Yes	No

3. Cedar Point County Park

- Maximum one (1) vehicle permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Cedar Point County Park.
- Group Areas A, B, C, and D are located off of the main road in the park, near the designated Glamping Areas. Enter the park on Cedar Point Road, continue straight past the Check-in booth until you reach the fork in the road at General Family Camping Area. Turn left into the Group Camping Area; on one side of the road will be Group Area A, B, and D, with Group Area C on the opposite side.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
A	20 Units	Yes	No
B	10 Units	Yes	No
C	15 Units	Yes	No
D	15 Units	Yes	No

4. Indian Island County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Indian Island County Park.
- Group Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4 are located on the main road in the park, parallel to the General Family Camping Sites. Enter the park on Indian Point Road, go past the Check-in Station; continue past the Picnic Area (Left Side of Road) and Parking Area (Right Side of Road) then make a right. The Group Areas will be on the Left Side of Indian Point Road, with the General Family Camping Areas across the way. *For Large Groups: Areas 2 + 3 are next to each other; Areas 2 + 4 are across from each other.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1	15 Units	Yes	Yes

2	15 Units	Yes	Yes
3	15 Units	Yes	Yes
4	10 Units	Yes	Yes

5. Sears Bellows County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Sears Bellows County Park.
- Group Areas 1C and 2C are located beyond the General Family Camping Sites (Trailer ONLY Area). Enter the park on Bellows Pond Road, make the first right and continue straight until you reach the Restroom Building (past sites 57-60).

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
1C	20 Units	Yes	1, 15-amp in Area to share between sites
2C	12 Units	Yes	1, 15-amp in Area to share between sites

6. Southaven County Park

- Maximum two (2) vehicles permitted at each campsite.
- Trailers, campers, and tents are all welcome. Each site is allowed either two (2) tents maximum, or one (1) trailer/camper and one (1) tent. Only one trailer allowed per individual Unit.
- Absolutely NO SWIMMING permitted anywhere in Southaven County Park.
- Group Areas A and B are located on the North End of the Campground. Southaven County Park operates on a ONE WAY drive system; enter the park on Victory Avenue, continue straight and make a right when you see the playground. Continue past the General Family Camping Sites until you reach the end loop of the grounds.

Site Number	Site Capacity	Water	Electric
A	15 Units	Yes	Yes
B	15 Units	Yes	Yes